

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2016-31-T ORDER NO. 2016-13-H

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of Newton Moving & Storage, LLC d/b/a Monro Moving & Storage Company to Transfer Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 9687 Issued to Monro Moving & Storage Company, (nunc pro tunc) and for Amendment of Scope of Authority to Provide Statewide Service

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Motion to be allowed to take deposition of a shipper witness(es) chosen by the Applicant by telephone

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Motion granted. The Office of Regulatory Staff does not oppose the motion. Further, taking the deposition of shipper witnesses in a Class E Household Goods case has been a common and useful practice in such matters before the Commission. A deposition saves time and the expense of presenting a live shipper witness in hearings, such shipper witness being required in Class E Household Goods cases under 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Section 103-133.1 to show the public convenience and necessity criterion of proof. In this case, the request to take the deposition of a shipper witness or witnesses by telephone and subsequent use in the hearing is certainly meritorious under 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-834, and therefore the request to take the deposition is granted. Said deposition or depositions of an appropriate shipper witness or witnesses shall be taken by telephone at such time or times as may be agreed upon by the parties. Such witness or witnesses shall testify regarding the market for household goods movers in South Carolina, experience with current household goods operations in South Carolina, how Monro could benefit the public interest if awarded a certificate, and any other matter related to the case at bar as may be deemed appropriate by agreement of the parties. The deposition or depositions may take the place of a live shipper witness or witnesses at the hearing on the request for a Class E Household Goods Certificate. Also, the deposition transcript or transcripts may be filed in lieu of pre-filed testimony in this Docket.